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REPORT

TOPIC Stendal Airfield

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DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 16 August 1955REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 20 and 27 June 1955, there was only little air activity by IL-10s on Stendal airfield. 25X1

The weather was bad. On 24 June, a Li-2 made local flights of about 20 minutes duration. 25X1

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2. On 24 June 1955, it was observed that the radio installation west of the Jarchau stopping place consisted of 2 braced masts, about 25 meters high and about 40 meters apart. The two masts were interconnected by a double antenna. Nearby were two wooden sheds, each about 6x 6 x 6 meters and housing a radio truck. A barracks, 8 x 6 x 4 meters, used for dwelling purposes, was located on the edge of the woods north of the radio installation. 2
3. The following air activity was observed between 29 June and 19 July 1955:
29 June. Between 0600 and 0730, it was observed from the town perimeter of Stendal that about 24 parachute jumps were made over Stendal airfield. Four groups of 6 men each descended from a twin-engine transport flying at an altitude of 300 meters. The parachute opened immediately. It was noted that, shortly before the parachutists jumped, an unidentified subject suspended from a chute was released from the aircraft and dropped at a considerably lower speed than the parachutists.
30 June. No air activity was observed from the town area.
1 July. About 1030, 28 IL-10s were counted in the northeastern corner of the field. The aircraft were arranged in 2 rows, one row of 20 and the other one of 8, with their engines opposite each other. During the afternoon, flying was practiced by IL-10s.
2 and 3 July. No air activity was observed.
5 and 6 July. During the morning there was air activity by IL-10s which made local flights individually and in formations of two, three, four, and up to six.
7, 10 to 13, 19, and 20 July. No air activity was observed from the town area. On 19 July, about 20 IL-10s were parked in the northeastern corner of the field. Truck with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets was observed. 25X1
8, 9, and 15 to 18 July. Almost every day, flying was practiced by IL-10s. 1

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4. On 12 June, no activity was observed in Neues Lager, nor were motor vehicles or sentries seen moving about. The installation seemed to be vacated. It was unoccupied on 19 July. 25X1
5. On 19 July, 2 light AA guns were observed in the emplacement northeast of Neues Lager. No operating personnel were seen. 25X1
6. Between 0730 and 0830 on 7 July, 6 AA guns each towed by a three-axle truck 1 truck and mounting a canvas-covered searchlight, and 123 trucks including 2 supply trucks, with a total of about 110 men, arrived at Stendal main station coming from the direction of Osterburger Strasse. One artillery piece had a metal plate . 25X1
The beginning of the loading operation on about 15 gondola cars and 3 boxcars was observed.⁴ 25X1
7. On 9 July, 27 IL-10s and 3 Po-2s were parked in front of the hangars, but no flights were made.
8. Between 5 and 13 July, 6 x 37-mm AA guns were observed in the emplacement east of the field.⁵ 25X1
9. On 12 July, there was no air activity. A total of 19 dark gray IL-10s were counted in the northeastern corner of the field.¹ 25X1
10. On 12 July, Neues Lager was apparently occupied by a small rear detail. 25X1
11. The two ground radio installations which had been observed in the AA gun emplacement in mid-June were no longer seen on 12 July.³
1. Comment. It is believed that Stendal airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with about 30 IL-10s. The tactical symbols on the aircraft were reported previously. 25X1
2. Comment. This installation probably is a landing beacon. 25X1
3. Comment. The AA unit which had been stationed in Neues Lager transferred to Oranienburg in late May 1955. 25X1
4. Comment. It is assumed that the unit left for firing practices. Confirmatory information has not yet been received. 25X1

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